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1. Volkssolidarität, the SED-controlled welfare organization, operates to supplement the efforts of communal non-partisan groups in the Russian Zone. Conferences are, however, in progress between SVA officials and Volkssolidarität functionaries which may lead to the organization's taking over the work of the Red Cross in the Russian Zone. Thus far, Volkssolidarität has functioned with a minimum of organization or overhead: it serves merely to collect money for immediate disposal for its various projects. No capitalization or incorporation is contemplated.
2. Volkssolidarität committees have been established in each commune, Kreis, and Land of the Eastern Zone. On these committees sit representatives of the three political parties, of the churches, of the FDGB, the FDJ, and the Frauenausschusse (Women's Committees). Leadership of the committees is not determined by election results, but falls to "the party or organization which displays the most interest and devotes the most time to Volkssolidarität work."
3. The Central Committee of Volkssolidarität, which is located in the Russian sector of Berlin, serves only to coordinate the activities of the Länder committees. The secretaries of Volkssolidarität in the five Länder of the Russian Zone meet monthly in Berlin along with the members of the Central Committee. It is only at these meetings that binding directives are issued and policies are laid down. The Praesidium of the welfare organization, which is composed of representatives of the three parties, the FDGB, the FDJ, and the Frauenausschusse, is rather more representative in character.
4. The program of Volkssolidarität is at the moment principally taken up with the transportation of city children to the country on recuperation visits, with the settlement of refugees from Eastern Germany in the Oderbruch region, and with aid to miners. It has also taken over the distribution of Swiss SOLI packages and is apparently negotiating with CARE for a similar distribution of that organization's packages. The aiding of homeless refugees from the East is another function which Volkssolidarität performs in the reception centers in Frankfurt on the Oder and in Mecklenburg.

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